

# *Sangamon Valley LEPC*

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## **AGENDA**

September 15, 2016

8:30 AM

Sangamon County OEM Building

2801 N. Fifth Street

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*Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman*

*Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (05/19/2016)*

*Welcome to LEPC Members and Visitors*

*Sign-in Sheet Circulated*

*Purpose for this being designated as our Annual Meeting*

*Self-introductions*

*Congratulations to Linda Wheeland on Regional Planning Commission retirement*

### *New Business*

*Examples of strong LEPC relationship with Springfield FD and Regional Planning*

*Dangerous exit ramp from I-72*

*Environmental concerns on E. Phillips Ave.*

*Chemical storage in flood zone on Color Plant Rd.*

*2017 Update of Sangamon County EOP*

*LEPC Session from 2016 IEMA Training Summit*

### *Old Business*

*Hazardous Material Commodity Flow Study (CFS)*

*Overview of our 15 months collecting CFS data*

*Where might we go from here?*

*Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant*

*Assessing local hazmat transportation incident response by first responders*

*Multi-county collaborations for future CFS*

### *Other Business*

*Public comment*

*Around the room*

*Next meeting: November 17, 2016, at Office of the State Fire Marshal*

*Motion to adjourn the formal LEPC meeting*

*Opportunity for the invited public to review our planning documents & ask questions*

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## **MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – September 15, 2016**

**Call to Order** - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, at the Sangamon County OEM Training Room, 2801 North Fifth Street, Springfield IL. This is the 2016 annual meeting designated specifically for public viewing and receipt of comments on our emergency plans. This meeting gives emphasis to the “community right-to-know” portion of EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act). Legal notice for the availability of our planning documents appeared in Monday’s State Journal-Register. The Business section of Tuesday’s newspaper had a short article announcing today’s meeting and the Wednesday Newsmaker Spotlight interview on WMAY radio featured the Chair speaking with Jim Leach about the LEPC and ways that the public can access our planning documents.

There was a quorum with 17 members present: Mike Burg, Menard County EMS; David Butt, Sangamon County OEM; Brian Churchill, St. John’s Hospital (SJH); Joe Crowe, Athens - Fancy Prairie Fire Dept.; Brian Hollencamp, Menard County GIS; Jim Johnson, Springfield Fire Dept. (SFD); George Krebs, IL Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Jason LeMar, Menard County GIS; Eli Logan, Memorial Medical Center (MMC); Ralph Long, IL Air National Guard (IANG); Mike Moos, Sherman EMA; Chris Richmond, SFD; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Katrina Schroeder, United Way of Central Illinois (UWCIL); Eric Staley, City Water Light and Power (CWLP); Linda Swartz, Community Nurse; and Diana Wade, Sangamon County Department of Public Health.

**Approval of the Minutes** - Minutes from the previous LEPC meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Brian Churchill, seconded by Joe Crowe and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from May 19, 2016. Noting that it had been 4 months since the LEPC last convened, the Chair expressed hope that everyone had a pleasant summer.

**Introductions** - Self-introductions were made. Twelve visitors were present: Katie Bates, Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center; Steve Schoeffel, Springfield Mass Transit District; Greg Michaud, American Environmental Corp. (AEC); Mark Newton, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR); Lee Wheeler, IL National Guard; Heather Harrison, IANG; Chad Finin, US Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS); Justin Olson, CWLP; Ernie Goetsch and Chris Miller, National Weather Service; Lori Canterbury and Kelly Horn, IL Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). All were welcomed. The Chair recognized Linda Wheeland’s impending retirement from the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and told stories about her, which cited her importance to progress we have made on many fronts (see New Business).

### **New Business**

**Relationship of LEPC / SFD / RPC** – Chris Richmond took the floor and reported on several topics that were pursued by the LEPC transportation working group during our summer vacation at meetings hosted by Linda. The \$400K project to improve a dangerous I-72 exit ramp onto South Sixth Street, which we announced last May, has been under construction since July to lessen the pitch of the grade coming down from the highway overpass and appears completed. A site once operated as a flour plant by Pillsbury on Phillips Ave. is the subject of safety and pollution concerns. George Krebs told us that US EPA has assessed the site, evaluating information to determine what actions are necessary to address the possible threats. Chris has visited the site and equipment with hazard potential remains within the fenced area that is being surveilled. In light of the Sangamon River’s winter flood and the record rain near Spring Creek, SFD Fire Safety Division has been in contact with a Tier 2 EHS facility on Color Plant Road about storage of chemicals in portions of its site that are within the floodplain.

2017 Update of Sangamon County EOP – The Chair recognized several committee members who are partners for this biennial plan update. MMC and SJH trained SFD personnel for key roles in the mass casualty incident (MCI) exercise this week at Lincoln Park. Evaluation of changes to these roles will determine the extent of updates that will be made to the MCI section of the EOP.

LEPC Session from IEMA Summit – The Chair introduced Kelly Horn and asked him to speak about this session from the first day of the Summit. All attendees using grant funds for lodging needed to attend the session. Ideas were shared about restarting an LEPC, whether a merger of counties would be beneficial, and the value of a commodity flow study (CFS); among other topics. The Chair was part of a panel and could speak to all 3 of these issues, based on our committee's growth over the past 16 years. Kelly and Lori Canterbury were both thanked for being part of our 2016 annual meeting.

### **Old Business**

Hazardous Material CFS – Greg Michaud spoke to the committee to give an overview on the expansive range of chemical-types moving thru our planning district. We have highway and rail corridors reaching in all 4 directions. The movement of Hazmat by trucks on I-55 is especially broad, topped by Flammable Liquids. Every category of Hazmat is seen in rail transport thru Sangamon County. Greg was especially pleased that we have 5 consecutive quarters of truck counts in our CFS. The Chair noted that the LEPC's ability to fund the CFS ended after 4 quarters, because we did not have sufficient funds to continue, but Linda used a RPC grant to contract with Greg's firm for a 5th quarter in the CFS and a consequence analysis. The final report for where we stand today is a contractual deliverable to the RPC and not to the LEPC. No truck counts were made in the present quarter.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant – With 2 weeks remaining in this federal fiscal year, there is a possibility that the current grant period could be extended and unspent funds re-allocated. The Chair hopes for such funding to schedule a fall truck count before November 30. It was announced at the Summit that Illinois has been funded for the next 3-year grant period, but at a very much lower amount. We have not heard about allocations for LEPCs yet, but believe that our best funding years are behind us.

### **Other Business**

Public Comment – Mark Newton needed to leave for an incident on the UPRR near St. Louis, but before he left, Jim Johnson thanked him for the successful TransCAER© training on Chlorine shipments in August. Mark was able to comment on the value that UPRR places on providing such programs to local response groups and remarked on the valuable issues that our LEPC continues to discuss. Chad Finin thanked the Chair for his invitation to our annual meeting. DHS has an outreach program on chemical security issues that has him trying to visit all LEPCs in Illinois. Chad compared our business meeting and the topics we cover favorably against the other LEPCs he has seen. He appreciates being included on our correspondences.

Around the Room – SFD has scheduled a home fire event for September 24 (flyer to be sent with the distribution of these minutes), with help from over 50 volunteers from UWCIL, to go into the Iles Park neighborhoods. WMAY is conducting a day-long Talkathon today to benefit the Red Cross's disaster relief program. National Weather Service will be part of a Severe Weather Preparedness Expo at White Oaks Mall on September 17 (11am – 2pm). Petersburg has its annual Harvest Festival on September 16 & 17. MMC is evaluating its mass decontamination practices outside the entrance to its Emergency Department and is trying to think of a way to exercise this that may include the LEPC.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, November 17, 2016, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Other meetings are 1/19/17 and 3/16/17, also at OSFM and 5/18/17, at the Athens City Hall. There being no further business, a motion was made by Brian Churchill, seconded by Mike Moos and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 am. The LEPC Chair remained available after the meeting for committee members and our visitors to ask questions. The final conversation regarding our planning activities ended at 12:10 pm. Please visit our website at: <http://co.sangamon.il.us/departments/m-r/office-of-emergency-management/sangamon-valley-lepc>.